

Dear Jared,

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Aronovsky's latest message. He has sent similar emails to many high level officials in EPA. Lily Lee on my staff has called and emailed him a half dozen times in recent weeks. Attached for reference is the formal response. None of the EPA staff who have worked for many years in the Hunters Point neighborhood has encountered him before. He does not claim association with any organization.

Mr. Aronovsky's main concerns are that contamination at the several contiguous San Francisco locations Hunters Point, Yosemite Slough, and Candlestick Park are endangering residents, and development plans are not appropriate due to the risk. He believes the developer Lennar has not been punished for its environmental crimes. Mr. Aronovsky has not given specific information about any environmental crime except the violation that Lily told him about, which the local air district has already resolved with a \$515,000 penalty. He asked for US EPA to stop the planned auction of land at Candlestick Park.

Lily described US EPA's role and activities that protect public health and the environment at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Yosemite Slough. She noted that the air district did collect a penalty from Lennar for its violations. She explained that the City of San Francisco is the appropriate contact for local land use decisions and Candlestick Park and referred him to the appropriate contacts. One has already sent him several messages to explain the testing and mitigation plans already done for Candlestick Park. The other invited him to join monthly public meetings about local development plans.

As further background, the Navy is the lead on cleaning up the closed Hunters Point Naval Shipyard NPL site. The City of San Francisco and its developer Lennar plan a new mixed-use project with housing, commercial and retail properties, open space, and community amenities. Over decades, residents in this EJ community have expressed concerns about many issues, including radiation and chemical exposure to current and future residents, a landfill fire, construction dust during redevelopment, neighborhood truck traffic, subsistence fish consumption, gentrification, and job creation. EPA and the State provide active oversight of the cleanup activities to ensure the cleanup is protective of the future uses of the property. EPA is the lead on cleanup of sediment at the adjacent Yosemite Slough removal site, together with partners such as California State Parks. We have a cleanup plan based on sediment studies, and we are now negotiating with responsible parties to design and implement the cleanup.

Please let me know if you'd like any more information about Mr. Aronovsky and associated environmental issues.